



General Assembly

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***Proposed Bill No. 5863***

LCO No. 2156

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:

REP. ESTY, 103<sup>rd</sup> Dist.

(By Request)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
MUNICIPAL HISTORIANS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1        That the general statutes be amended to provide that any ordinance  
2        adopted by a municipality under section 7-148 of the general statutes  
3        providing for the appointment of a municipal historian shall also  
4        provide that the duties and responsibilities of such municipal  
5        historian shall be to (1) work with local, state and federal organizations  
6        and with individuals from the public and private sector to maintain  
7        and preserve local historic records for the benefit of present and future  
8        generations, (2) promote awareness of and appreciation for local  
9        history through research, writing, public speaking and the preparation  
10       of publications, projects, exhibits, displays, celebrations,  
11       commemorations, plaques, markers, monuments, classroom aids and  
12       workshops, (3) advise local government on historical issues and  
13       subjects such as historical objects, historic structures and sites, historic  
14       districts, National Register properties and historic preservation, (4)  
15       serve as a liaison to area museums, libraries, historical associations  
16       and similar groups, (5) encourage coordination, cooperation and

17 resource sharing in local historical matters, (6) maintain a reference  
18 library of local historical information which will serve as a central  
19 referral point for requests for such information, (7) obtain public and  
20 private grants and contributions to carry out such duties and  
21 responsibilities, and (8) supervise such staff, facilities, funds and  
22 programs and maintain an office and expend funds.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To clarify the duties and responsibilities of a municipal historian.